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The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
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The Honorable John Mica  
Ranking Member  
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2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica:

I am writing to respectfully request that the following legislative proposals and projects be included in the Water Resources Development Act of 2010. I appreciate consideration of the following projects:

- 1. City of Hialeah, Florida: Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility**  
\$4,100,000 would be used to complete the preliminary engineering and procurement process for the construction of a 17.5 million gallon/day (MGD) Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant to serve the development of annexed areas of the City of Hialeah.
- 2. City of Sweetwater, Florida: Drainage Pumps for Flooding**  
\$19,000,000 would be used for the installation of drainage pumps at the city center to evacuate severe flooding during damaging storms.
- 3. City of Pembroke Pines, Florida: Regional Water & Aquifer Conservation through Reuse of Highly Treated Municipal Wastewater**  
\$33,525,000 would be used to create an alternative water supply by treating and reusing all wastewater generated at the existing wastewater treatment facility.
- 4. City of Miramar, Florida: Expansion of Reclaimed Water Distribution System**  
\$4,000,000 would be used to expand additional transmission and distribution piping and expand the city's reclaimed water distribution system. This project would supply additional reclaimed water within the service area west of Palm Avenue.
- 5. Village of Pinecrest, Florida: Waterline Extension Project**  
\$15,000,000 would be used to upgrade and expand water infrastructure to residents that currently rely on private wells for potable water and irrigation purposes. Residents with

these wells are currently experiencing groundwater contamination and salt water intrusion which renders the well water unusable and a potential health hazard.

**6. Miami-Dade County, Florida: Water Reuse Supply from Miami-Dade Wastewater Treatment Plant to Turkey Point**

\$30,000,000 would be used to convey reclaimed water from the County's South District Wastewater Treatment Plant to cool nuclear power-plant additions at Turkey Point and to replace cooling water for existing units.

**7. Port of Miami, Florida: Amend cost-share language for channel depths greater than 45 feet**

Language is requested to change the cost sharing formula's depth threshold from 45 to 53 feet to accommodate next generation super-tankers.

Proposed language:

Harbor Cost Sharing.

(a) Payments During Construction.—Section 101(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2211(a)(1); 100 Stat. 4082) is amended in each of subparagraphs (B) and (C) by striking "45 feet" and inserting "53 feet".

**8. South Florida Water Management District: Broward County Water Preserve Area Projects**

\$900,000,000 would be used to enhance the buffer between residential development and protected Everglades wetlands, capturing and diverting stormwater runoff and reducing underground seepage.

**9. South Florida Water Management District: C-111 Spreader Canal, Western Project**

\$172,763,000 would be used to provide ecosystem restoration of freshwater wetlands, tidal wetlands and near-shore habitat as well as flood protection maintenance and recreation opportunities.

**10. Broward County: Amend language to allow non-domestic sand be eligible for Federal reimbursement**

Language is requested to ensure that the investigation, acquisition, and placement of non-domestic material for beach fill is eligible for Federal reimbursement of the Federal share of the eligible costs.

Proposed language:

SEC. XXX ACQUISITION OF BEACH FILL

Section 935 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 USC 2299) is amended-----

(1) by adding at the beginning of the section

" (a) In GENERAL ---- and

(2) by adding a subsection (b) at the end of the Section as follows:

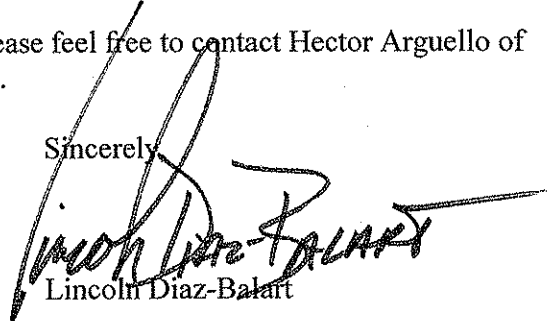
(b) REIMBURSEMENT PROJECTS ---- For such projects that are authorized as reimbursement projects, with the non-Federal sponsor carrying out the design and/or

construction, the non-Federal sponsor may undertake evaluation and acquisition of non-domestic sources and utilize such material if sufficient domestic sources are determined, in the discretion of the Secretary, to be unavailable for the renourishment for environmental or economic reasons. The costs associated with such efforts shall be eligible for reimbursement for the Federal share subject to the Secretary entering into a reimbursement cost sharing agreement for engineering, design and construction".

Enclosed, please find a Congressional Earmark Certification for each project I have requested, as well as a copy of the receipt.

If I can provide you with any more information, please feel free to contact Hector Arguello of my staff at 5-4211. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lincoln Diaz-Balart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart